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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:1.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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THE TRANSLATION POWER

The Work of The Holy Spirit in The Last Days Emergency.

The Drama is Becoming More Interesting as The End is Approached.

It has been said that everything has its day. This is certainly not a wild statement although in some respects it might seem like a meaningless expression.

No money or pains are spared to make things go in the world now. Inventions and operations are the principles now with the governments of the world. Cost is scarcely considered. They expect to pay the cost but the cost is not the object.

There are, what we might term, dispensational truths. The Holy Ghost was not given until the day of Pentecost. John the Baptist introduced water baptism. Daniel was instructed to "Shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end." This indicates that there will be a time when the things revealed to Daniel are to be made known.

To the prophets were revealed things of which they could not be partakers. They saw them, but they knew the time was not come for their fulfillment. The Spirit of Christ in them testified of certain glory at a certain future time, but they could only embrace it by faith. They could not be partakers of it.

Judging from the writings of Paul, he saw a glory awaiting to be realized by the saints of God at some future time that he was deprived of receiving in his day. A few years ago we could not talk in tongues, now we can as the Spirit gives the utterance. A few years ago we did not know the Church of God, but it is plain to us now.

The prophecies concerning the coming of Jesus in Bethlehem's manger could not take on the form of reality until a certain time, a certain day and a certain hour. The angels did not sing their glory song out of season. The shepherds did not leave their flocks and hasten to Bethlehem to be disappointed and mocked because they went there out of season. The wise men of the East were wise enough to put off their long and tedious journey until the right time.

We are now on the very verge of the fulfillment of some of the prophecies that have hitherto been dark. Daniel was told to "go" his "way till the end be." He must have obeyed, but people have been trying to disturb Daniel's rest that was promised him for several years to my own knowledge. They have beaten and thumped him about trying to get him to tell them certain things concerning the last days, but he held his peace.

Many of these disturbers after they have exhausted every means to arouse Daniel and make him give away some of his secrets

have unwisely proceeded to build their own theories about his secrets and have counted time and used figures, and studied history and made books bearing glaring titles such as, "Dark passages made plain," "The key to the Scriptures," "Daniel and Revelation made plain," "The lost link found," and many others too numerous to mention.

After all of these expositions and interpretations of the hidden mysteries have been written, Daniel still slumbers. They take his figures, measurements, and make charts and paint them in glaring colors and draw long and short curved lines to represent certain periods or certain dispensations and after this is all done and their measurements and time falls at a certain time and place Daniel still rests as silently as the grave, and the authors are afraid of their own drawings and interpretations, judging from their continuous labors to try to discover something better and more sure.

To my mind their time would have been better spent in going out in the streets and lanes of the city, or in the country to the school houses or under brush arbors working for the salvation of souls, because when they had their books written, and their drawings made, and have had a large sale, often they have been humiliated by the time running past their marks and still the thing did not happen. Then they would go to work to discover their mistake, and when they had found it they have tried to recover themselves from defeat and ruin by publishing another work entitled, "The mistake located."

We, the saints of God are tired of all such foolishness and have decided to give Daniel a chance to "rest and stand in" his "lot at the end of the days." These writers and Bible expositors are so different in their views that we are afraid of all of them, so we have decided to watch for the season and accept the knowledge and reality when the time comes for its revelation.

But the time for much of this knowledge is now at hand. Since writing about the mark of the beast in a recent issue of the Evangel I have received a number of communications concerning that special theme. In the article referred to, I stated that I do not know what the mark of the beast is. But since then I have been informed by more than one, so I am not without knowledge now. Strange as it may seem, however, my informants do not agree. They all seem to know, but when I compare their statements I am left in a state of perplexity because they do not harmonize. The next

thing that presents itself to my mind, is, which one must I accept. When I study the matter over I decide that they may not know much more about what the mark of the beast is than I do. These are my friends, and readers of the Evangel, but in the language of the apostle Paul, I must say kindly, I am afraid of you." (Gal. 4:11.)

I do not know yet what the mark of the beast is, but I know Him who said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee," and I will keep close to Him and shun everything that seems to have any resemblance. I will still search for light and the truth, but I will expect to know what it is before I tell others. In my judgment it will be but a short time till we will all know, and we will not need to surmise or guess at it.

If the world is sparing no money or pains to make things go how much more should we be strung up and determined to make things go that pertain to the Church and His kingdom! We know that the last days are here, and we know this because the Scriptures are fulfilled before our eyes thus far. We know also that the time of the end is near at hand and this makes us want to redouble our diligence and get as much done as possible before Jesus comes.

We are rapidly nearing the time for a real display of the translation power. There is no doubt in my mind but we have felt some of the effects of this power, but none have been translated that I know of since the latter rain has been falling. Some have felt so light and free and happy that they could hardly stay down, it seemed, but still they did not go.

But there will a time come when a multitude will actually go. This Scripture will be fulfilled the same as other Scripture. The translation power will be given and up many will go into heaven. I notice that some of our people seem to have a good supply of power, and others that are just as good do not seem to have their bodies affected any. But it is surely time now for a greater display of the power of the Spirit than in the past. It is surely time now for the scattering of the power of the Holy people spoken of by Daniel. I want every member of the great Church of God charged with this power.

A certain person has recently received what seems to be some additional power. I wonder if we do not all need something more as we approach the end. We are told that some are going to be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. The same power that causes the dead to rise will surely take hold on the living saints because they are to go up together then. (1 Thes. 4:17.)

This experience is indescribable. I do not know what it will be like. I know how I felt when I was enshrouded with a power that raised me off the floor and carried me some little distance and let me down again. I felt something additional all around me. It seemed to be a kind of a transparent substance that made my body larger, like my whole

frame had expanded. Enshrouded with that power or glory my sense of touch was deadened, so that I do not believe the lashes of a whip, or the bruises of stones, or the burning of fire would have been felt.

Peter names it the "glory," Paul calls it "clothed upon," John says "in the Spirit," Luke expresses it by the words "caught away," Obadiah says, "shall carry thee," Ezekiel describes it by saying, "took me up" and "lifted me up, and carried me away." All of these terms are expressive of what the Spirit has done, will do or can do.

In connection with the work of the Spirit of God I see something, which indicates an extra supply, in the expression of John where He shows that the last days will draw grace from the seven Spirits of God. We are truly baptized with the Holy Ghost, but the seven Spirits are to play an important part in the last days according to the instructions given by the Revelator. These seven Spirits of God are to be "sent forth into all the earth." They are to furnish grace and peace, and how do I know but what they will administer special assistance in supplying the translation power and have their part in aiding the saints in spreading the glorious gospel into every nation tribe and people?

The work of the Holy Spirit in the last days emergency is going to produce a great effect. Peculiar things will not be done by Him as He works in the children of God merely to produce sensations, but it is evident that sensation after sensation will follow in His wake. His Church will be made a gazing stock for the people of the world and a target for Satan, on account of the marvelous signs and wonders that will be wrought. Already there have been many signs and wonders, but they are only the beginnings, the first droppings of the down pour just ahead.

The work of the Holy Spirit is to "reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." He is to furnish the power to proclaim the gospel to the ends of the earth. The Lord's people are to be used as instruments through whom He will work. The work will be done rapidly and miraculously. He worked in Paul mightily (Col. 1:29.) and produced results. He put a "run" on Philip as he drew near the Ethiopian. He also caught him away suddenly and dropped him down at Azotus several miles away. His work in the last days emergency will be even greater and more glorious in order to hasten the work along.

We read the Acts of the Apostles and the history of the work of the early church with great interest, but truly the drama is becoming more interesting as the end is approached. They were in the beginning and their work of planting and laying the foundation was accomplished amid persecutions and the outpourings of the early rain of the Spirit. Our work is to finish up the work they began, and we are doing it under the outpourings of the latter rain of the Spirit. Paul said they had the earnest

of the Spirit (2 Cor. 1:22). This means "a portion given or done in advance as a pledge" or promise of the rest or whole amount. So if they, with the earnest only could accomplish so much, what can we do with the whole poured down upon us?

It surely cannot be wrong to expect the translation power to gradually settle down upon us as we near the end. I see it gradually approaching. I am expecting greater things this year than any year of our past history in the spread of the gospel by the Church of God. God has greatly honored His Church with His presence in the last few years, but we may look for greater manifestations in the future.

People have become accustomed to the tongues and shouts and messages and our common manifestations, but when this greater power is bestowed I look for a thrill of fear and trembling to run through the congregations and "all faces shall gather blackness." Then will be brought to pass the saying, "The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrite." (Isa. 33:14.)

I want every member of the Church of God to become a burning flaming fire so unctonized by the mighty Spirit of God that we can perform our part in the last part of the drama, with honor and sobriety, so that when the curtain drops that shows the end has come we may be safely caught away to rest until the indignation is over, and we can be in the number that will ride down upon the white horses to take possession of this old sin and battle scarred earth and reign with Christ a thousand years.

Notice.

To the Beloved Saints of the Valdosta District in the State of Georgia—Greetings:

It is our greatest desire to reach with the "gospel of the kingdom" every nook and corner in this district this year.

This district takes in Towns, Brooks, Echols, Clinch and Thomas counties, a population of over 91,000. It will take good system and hard work to reach them all with the few workers we have.

Any one in the above counties desiring services, please write us at once.

We shall be glad to have all who desire to work in this field if they are preaching the full gospel and are consecrated to God.

My wife and I expect to spend most of our time in Evangelistic services, both in churches and in opening up new places.

Any one desiring to correspond with me can reach me at Valdosta, as I expect to make this my headquarters.

Yours in His service,
Milo Cross,
District overseer.
311 Morgan St.
Valdosta, Ga.

Pratt City, Ala.

Dear Evangel Readers:

The Lord wonderfully saved me about ten months ago. About four days after I was saved I sought the precious cleansing blood and was blessedly sanctified at a prayer meeting. The way grows brighter every day. Praise the Lord!

I desire the prayers of the saints that I may be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Your sister in Christ,
Mamie Lecroy.

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Address all communications relating to the paper, and make all drafts, checks, express and postal orders payable to A. J. TOMLINSON, 2524 Gaut street, Cleveland, Tenn.

Keep watching the Evangelist for something special soon.

All Evangelists should watch their call column. A new section is added this week.

The Bible-school students gave a brief display, one night last week, of the things they have learned about the Bible. It showed the proficiency of both teacher and scholars.

I trust the churches are giving attention to the instructions of the assembly to conserve the work as shown on page 36 and section 6 of the minutes of the Thirteenth Annual Assembly.

Plans are already being made for the opening of the next term of the Bible-school. The next term will probably commence about the middle of Sept. It will no doubt be interesting to many to know that applications to attend are already coming in.

There is no protracted meeting being conducted in this city, but a revival spirit is manifested in our regular services and the Lord is saving and baptizing with the Holy Ghost. The workers are on fire for God, and are showing their zeal and interest in souls by their prayers and fiery testimonies.

We are much pleased to inform our people that the circulation of the Evangelist is steadily growing. It took 7,500 papers to supply the demand last week. We are preparing the same number of this issue. It is gratifying to us for so many of its lovers and friends to take such an interest in soliciting subscriptions. We hope this interest will continue, and that many others that have not secured subscriptions will take hold of the work and help us push the subscription list up to the 10,000 mark. Let us make this go this time. We can do it if all will lend a helping hand and push. Send for subscription blanks and extra copies of the paper and go to work in earnest. Remember that we are unable to give you a commission or remunerate you for your services, but we feel assured that God will reward you, because this is one good way to spread the gospel and do good. Many are giving their service in this way and are glad to do it, and we want many more to feel like this is your paper and your work and do your best to put it in new homes where

it can carry the gospel message fifty-two times a year. It can go where you cannot. It can go more frequently than you can. It can stay when it gets there and you cannot. It can meet every member of the family and this you can hardly expect to do when you call. I make one more earnest appeal to every reader: Please secure at least one subscriber and send in the name and address written plainly, and accompany the name with the price. I am very anxious to reach the 10,000 mark by the first of April. You may know my reason later.

FOREIGN MISSION DAY.

Sunday, March 10, is Foreign Mission Day. All of the ministers and churches should remember this and be ready for the offering. On account of the cold and severe weather at the time of the last Foreign Mission Day the contributions fell below the usual amount. We ought to try to make it up this time. Remember the gospel must go to foreign lands as well as in our own land. God bless you all and give you liberal hearts, and may you prosper so that you may be able to give liberally.

At the first baptismal service, seventy persons professed their faith in Christ and their resolution to serve Him.

Commencing in the year 121 Mr. Williams called a conference of his people for the purpose of increasing the spiritual life among them. Three hundred school children were examined as to their religious knowledge. They marched in procession, carrying flags on which were mottoes of their own making such as these: "What a blessing the gospel is," and, "Had it not been for the gospel, we should have been destroyed as soon as we were born." It had been a custom on the island to kill the little children by very cruel means.

At the examination, an old man arose and said to the king, "Let me speak, I must speak. Oh, that I had known that the gospel was coming! Oh, had I known what blessings were in store for us! Then I should have saved my children and they would have been in this number repeating these precious truths. I shall die childless although I have been the father of nineteen children." He then sat down and a flood of tears gave vent to his feelings.

Extract from the Life of John Williams.

Evangelists Notice.

Read this carefully and do not misunderstand. We now have the new certificate forms ready and according to the ruling of the last Assembly it will be necessary for all the Evangelists to have their credentials renewed.

DO NOT STOP READING YET.

To avoid such a rush at the central office we will call them in by sections. Please do not send until your section is called. The first section will include all west of the Mississippi river.

Be it known to all Evangelists of the Church of God now laboring west of the Mississippi river, that on and after the fifth day of February 1918, your old credentials are declared null and void, and, therefore, you are hereby authorized to send your old credentials to the principle office at Cleveland, Tenn., to have them replaced with new ones that are good for 1918.

SECOND SECTION.

The State of Alabama: Be it known to all Evangelists

Johnson City, Tenn.

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver."—Prov. 25: 11.

This is one time we feel the need of using the words of the wisest man to compliment what we read on the first page of the Evangelist of Feb. 2, 1918. Dear brethren and sisters of the Church of God, to me these words coming from the pen of our General Overseer are like apples of gold in pictures of silver. We feel like obeying them because of the authority of his office and the Spirit of God that sends them forth. O Lord, send them through the Evangelist or on the wireless phone to every member of the Church of God around the world till all may see that God's house is the place to think of Him, read of Him, reverence Him and worship Him.

Oh, how often has the Spirit of God been grieved and the power in the service killed because of irreverence to the house of God and worldly conversation. My own little spirit has often been grieved because of these things when I so much desired the Spirit of God and the reverence of the people to help me give out the Word.

Sometimes even the best of men have forgotten their whereabouts and engaged in conversation unbecoming to the house of God. If I am guilty, O Lord, forgive me and help me to always remember where I am and let my conversation be in heaven (Phil. 3: 20).

Not long since I visited a very fine church in a great city. I thought, what a shame that those formal worshippers show more reverence to God in their church than we, the Church of God do. And why is this? It is solely on account of their training and not their superior spiritual power. To be sure we need the teaching and as we are having it, let us receive it rapidly and practice it heartily and the Lord will bless us abundantly.

For years I have made it a rule to raise my hat to reverence God when I enter a street car or passenger coach and ask God to take care of me and all on board, for I know that we are in His care. I am to leave this week for a trip south that I may preach from my banner in different cities

now laboring in the state of Alabama that on and after February 15 your old credentials are declared null and void and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

THIRD SECTION.

La., Miss., and Georgia:

Be it known to all the Evangelists now laboring in Louisiana, Mississippi and Georgia, that on and after February 25 your old credentials are declared null and void and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

FOURTH SECTION.

Fla., N. C., S. C.

Be it known to all the Evangelists whose church membership is in Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina, that on and after March 25, 1918, your old credentials are declared null and void, and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

These four sections are all we will call in at this time. The balance in any state or territory will be good until called for. Please do not misunderstand and send in before your time.

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ies and visit all the soldier camps I can, preaching for them where I may have the opportunity. I am so anxious to get the truth to them. There is a soldier at Camp Gordon who is helping me liberally to carry the gospel to all.

I earnestly ask all Evangelist readers to pray that I may reverence God and His Word everywhere and all the time.

Just keep on writing, Brother Sam. C. Perry!

Your brother in His service,
 W. G. Anderson.

Wilmington, Del.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God for taking me back into the fold. I was a backslider for three years, but I cried unto the Lord and He took me back about eight months ago. Later He sanctified me wholly. Praise His dear name!

I want the dear saints to please pray that God will baptize me with the Holy Ghost and also pray that I may be delivered from army service. I have been drafted and put in class four but I believe God will deliver me.

I love the Church of God and its teachings. I stand for it though I am not a member, but I expect to be some day.

Yours in Christ,
 H. W. Poteat.

Gardner, Fla.

Dear Evangel Family:

I have just been reading the little silent preacher which is food to my soul. I felt very sad when I read of the death of Brother Buckalew but I have hope of seeing him again.

The first woman preacher to come to Gardner was Sister Cotton. She worked faithfully telling the people of Jesus and His love. A few went through and received the baptism with the Holy Ghost.

In Jan. 1918 the dear Lord sent Sister Mabel McDavid here to preach. The meeting was a success. Glory to God! How the Lord did bless His children! Dear Sister Belle Kidwell came to the meetings and the Lord wonderfully forgave her of all her backslidings and at my home He baptized her with the Holy Ghost and fire and she spoke in other tongues as in Acts 2:4.

I am praying for a Church of God here and I want to be one of its members.

Dear saints, please pray for the Lord to heal my body and make me strong in faith.

Yours, looking for His coming,
 Maude Pelham.

Notice.

To the Evangel:

I am due in Dublin, Miss. Feb. 22, and will go from there to Catchings, Miss., where I shall take charge of the work assigned to me by Brother Davis, our overseer.

This district takes in the following counties:

Holmes, Sharkey, Yazoo, Issaquena, Madison, Hinds, Warren, Claiborne, Copiah.

If there is anybody in the above named counties that desires services there, address me at Route 1, Bx. 46, Holcomb, Miss.

J. W. Mullen.

Macon, Ga.

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W. W. Rush.

Cleveland, Tenn.

Dear Readers and All of God's Chosen Family:

I have longed for many days to speak a word of praise through the Evangel to our Father and Almighty King.

Some months ago I was down in sin and without God; but when I cried out to God, He wonderfully saved me, sanctified me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost as He did the 120 on the day of Pentecost. (Acts 1: 15; 2: 4.)

It makes my heart leap with joy to know that the Church of God has come back with its government.

Dear readers, we should at this time cry out to God for more wisdom and love that we may be knitted together in one strong host, even as the children of Israel were when they went into the land of Canaan. They were closely united together and to God to win the victory. So should the saints of God be today. We should be like the electric wires in the city. When the power is turned on at the power house it runs along all lines until it gets to the electric bulbs; the electric current heats the wires in the bulbs and causes a bright light to shine forth. So with the Church of God today; it needs to be united so closely and be so close to God that the mighty current will be turned on in heaven by the power manager (God) that the power of God and His love may flow into the hearts of every member of the church, that Jesus may shine forth in our lives, that the people of this world may see in us the characteristics of our Savior.

Let us as God's chosen family be humble, kind and always have a word of cheer for our brothers and sisters and by all means a word of praise for God at all times. Let us be faithful children of God obeying Him at all times and in everything. If we would draw close to Him He would bless us in every way.

As we are going on enjoying this wonderful salvation, let us stop and think of the millions of souls crying, starving and going on down to hell. Let us be knitted so closely together and so close to God that we can be able to bring them to Jesus.

Let us be on fire for God. God's Word says, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou wert either cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth."—Rev. 3: 15, 16. God does not want His children to be lukewarm nor cold, but He wants them to be on fire at all times. Dear saints, it is going to take this to be able to meet Jesus when He comes. If we can't preach we can testify for Jesus every time we have a chance. Yes, we can humble ourselves in some quiet place and pour out our hearts to God in prayer. Let us remember when we are before God in prayer to ask Him to give our General Overseer wisdom and reveal things to him to give out through the Evangel to us as food to our souls.

We need to be more closely united now than ever before. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"—Psalm 133: 1. "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."—Eph. 4: 3. Be in unity; fight the battle, and be ready to meet Jesus when He comes.

Your brother in Christ,
 Jesse Daehower.

The Ministers of The Gospel And Our Attitude Toward Them.

SAM C. PERRY.

"Remember them which have the rule over you (or the guides, margin), who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever." Obey them that have the rule over you (or the guides-margin), and submit yourselves, for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account." Heb. 13:7,17.

"And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake." 1 Thes. 5, 12:13.

We consider the ministry of the gospel the most sacred of all professions. From the above passages God's ministers are the leaders or guides of His flock, and have the souls of all on their heart and for the greatness and importance of their work merit the highest esteem.

Through their faithful service men are convicted and brought to repentance where they find Jesus in His fullness and their faithful ministry results in the healing and edification of the flock of God from time to time.

It is their mission to point out the true way, and also to show up the false with its many evil and crooked doctrines, that the cause of God in general may prosper and move on.

With their glorious gospel messages they refresh and encourage all classes of Christians as they go on their way of service, and without them we feel that the cause of Zion would be weak and helpless indeed.

How we do need to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His vineyard, men who care for nothing of this world, but are wholly intent on rescuing the perishing and caring for the dying, that they may point such to Him who is the light and life of men.

God needs men of such power and ability that they shall demand the attention of the people everywhere. They go giving out their heaven-sent message of love and power.

But our great love and respect of God's ministers we should remember the admonition of Saint Paul, the mighty man of God in 1 Cor. 7:23. "Ye are bought with a price: be not ye the servants of men." We have sometimes felt that this warning was in order in our day. The minister, no matter how good or wise, is only human, and while we honor him very highly for the blessing and power that God has given to him, we should remember that Jesus is the head of the church and the object of all our prayer and praise. Men, no matter how good, make mistakes, but Jesus never does.

Saint Paul says, "But I would have you know that the head of every man is Christ." 1 Cor. 11:3. We should get all the good we possibly can from God's ministers, but remember that we could get no good from them if it were not for the God above who sends it. Why give praise or credit to the instrument when the blessing is from God above? Worship God, give Him the glory.

Again Saint Paul said to the Thessalonian church, "And ye became followers of us, and the Lord." 1 Thes. 1:6. And so

today no minister has a right to expect any one to follow him except as he follows the Lord. "Know them which labor among you," says the Apostle, and as we have the Word of God before our eyes it is our privilege to know when we hear the truth, and follow it because it is the truth, and if you follow a man just because he preaches to suit you, you are likely to get into trouble.

How can we be "followers of God as dear children, and walk in love as Christ also hath loved us and given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour." Eph. 5:1,2, unless we get our eyes beyond men and see Jesus and know and embrace His will concerning us? Certainly God uses men to show us and lead us, but we must realize that men are but flesh and our faith must be firmly anchored in the eternal God no matter what becomes of men.

When the ministers find their proper place in the body giving the service that God expects, then men can serve "with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart, as unto Christ: not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; with good will doing service as to the Lord and not to men." Eph. 6:5, 7.

It is true God's ministers are to be examples to the flock. "In word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." 1 Tim. 4:12. The Apostle said, "Those things which ye have both learned, and received, and heard and seen in me do: and the God of peace shall be with you." Phil. 4:9. Perhaps we need more examples today, that the flock may come following on to a higher state of perfection. One thing is sure the leaders must go in first if the flock is to enter. If the shepherd is asleep the sheep will surely be in danger. Our Great Shepherd Jesus, never slumbers, but the under-shepherds, the pastors do sometimes.

Notice what an example we have in the beloved Paul, "Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us." 2 Thes. 3:9. He put himself in such an attitude of humility that those about him might have a lesson in the practical way of salvation. To say the least of it he did not "lord it over God's heritage."

Let us notice a little Scripture lesson in 1 Peter 5:2-3. "Feed the flock of God," the little lambs, the weak, the faltering, the lame, the halt, and discouraged, all need help. He didn't say kill off any, the proper feed will doubtless bring out most of them to a good healthy state.

"Taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly." A cheerful, happy, delighted spirit in God's service is always an inspiration to those with whom you labor. So much better than a discouraged, grumbling, fault-finding disposition. "Not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind." Money or not, God's true shepherds will be found at their post of duty. "Neither as being lords over God's heritage." How we need to remember that we are only little laborers in His vineyard, and should feel glad He counts us worthy of just a little corner. Lord it over God's heritage? Not a man with a pure heart and

motives, not a man full of the Holy Ghost and power. Not a man who has the apostolic blessing. It would be impossible for a man who is worthy of the place in which the ministry would put him, to lord it over God's heritage.

"But ensamples to the flock." In purity, patience, love, faithfulness, self-denial, and all the fruits and graces of the Spirit, an example.

"Likewise ye younger submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility."

We would do well to remember that some times, even God's heaven-sent ministers fall into error and teach and conduct themselves in a way that, while they are not openly committing sin, they are hindering the progress of the church. We have seen a time like this when the work was saved by the careful conduct of a few good Spirit-filled laymen. Do you think that because the minister falls into a mistake or error that the church should do so? By no means. So it becomes necessary at times according to 1 Tim. 5:1 to intreat even an elder and in some cases as in 3 John 9-10 a minister may love to have the pre-eminence and bring about a state of affairs that is not at all good. Demas may forsake us (2 Tim. 4:10) and go to the world which he loves, or one who has not "studied to show himself approved, rightly dividing the word of truth," (2 Tim. 2:15-19) may err from the truth. And our safe course then is to keep our eye on God and His Word looking faithfully that He will keep us following on with the faithful.

Difficulties.

Our friends on the Islands are having some troubles. J. Wilson Bell, of Jamaica, has lost one of his little children. Four of them were poisoned severely by eating some unripe fruit. God healed three of them and one died. Because Brother Bell would not resort to remedies and physicians they have him in the toils of the law. We do not know the outcome yet. He needs our prayers.

On the Island of Barbados they are threatened with prosecution if they have a prayer or any kind of a funeral service over a child that has not been "Christened" by the minister of the English church.

Parents are not allowed to send their children to school unless they have them "Christened" by the same authorities.

Some of our people in this country are having some trouble about vaccination. Their children are shut out of school unless they are vaccinated, and this is not all in some cases.

The last days are upon us and we must stick together and pray for each other and help each other all we can.

Trion, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints Scattered Everywhere—Peace be unto You and Joy and Love be Multiplied:

Well glory! I don't believe I ever in my life loved people as I do this morning. Oh, how my poor little old heart goes out for this lost world as I sit alone this dark rainy day—yes, just alone, as my dear companion has gone to be with Jesus. He has gone—the one I loved so dearly, by whose side I have been so long. Oh, how God has blessed us together in the work of the Lord! He gave us many souls.

While we had to suffer many hard trials and many hard things have been said, God's grace has been sufficient to carry us through. Bless His dear name!

My dear husband's voice is silent but we can say like our dear Brother Paul, he kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but has showed you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, the wonderful gospel of the grace of God.

How he prayed for the ministry of the Church of God to keep humble and go with boldness, fearless of men or devils. Oh, beloved, this is what we need. Oh, that God would give me more wisdom and power and knowledge, more of everything I need to go out in this dark world alone for Jesus.

I asked the Lord to take me and let my dear husband stay. I could not see where the Lord could use me and make me the blessing that He did him. But the Lord doeth all things well.

Oh, dear sisters, you will never know how you need Jesus till you come to the door of death, then you will need the Comforter, the blessed Holy Ghost, the power of God to overcome. His promises are true. We can say with David, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me." Oh, that I may never hide thy righteousness within my heart, that I may declare thy faithfulness, thy salvation and loving kindness!

I have received letters from several people saying that Bro. Buckalew brought them the true gospel. One dear sister wrote me that he gave her more light on the Bible and what true religion is than any other preacher, and it had encouraged her to strive to enter in the way that leads to glory, that she would never forget Brother Buckalew. No; he will never be forgotten by saint or sinner. He never would compromise. May these dear ones walk in the light and obey the Word, for if they do not, how great is that darkness.

Oh, beloved, the longer Bro. Buckalew is gone the worse I miss him. I catch myself going and looking for him to come back. I have never seen him as dead, but just gone to stay a while, so I am looking for him all the time. Pray for me. I want to keep ready, watching for Jesus when He comes, when we shall see all the dear saints and our loved ones who have gone on before. Then we shall be glad that we suffered a little for Jesus.

My husband told me to get with some good man and his wife and go on in the work and do all I could for lost souls till Jesus calls me home. So I need the prayers of those who are led by the Holy Ghost. I do not want to make a mistake; I want to go where I can do the most good for Jesus. That is all that I see I am left here for, as I haven't any of this world's goods to take care of me. I am just here waiting on the Lord; He said He would never leave nor forsake me. He never has and I do not believe He will now. He has supplied needs so far. May God bless every precious one that has administered to our wants in any way. God bless them a thousand fold is my prayer. I know He will. Bless His dear name!

This is a lonely life for me but our loss is heaven's gain. Though this life is often lonely, Yet with Jesus for a guide, I will bear my cross with patience Till I reach the riverside.

In that land there'll be no sorrow, And no tears will dim the eye; But there'll be a bright tomorrow

In the golden by and by.

Brother Buckalew helped sing this the morning he passed away. The next morning he certainly did suffer but God was there to help him bear his suffering.

Your little sister in Jesus,
Mattie Buckalew.

Wimauma, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I thank and praise God today for His wonderful saving power, for His tender mercy extended toward me when I was lost in sin and my feet were traveling the downward road to destruction. Oh, I well remember how the Spirit pleaded with me to straighten up my life. I am most sure some of the saints prayed conviction upon me. I praise God for it. I praise Him because He hears prayers. Such a loving God!

With God there is no respect of person. He forgave the thief on the cross and permitted him to be with Jesus in paradise. I praise Him for such a salvation, so full and free to all who will accept it. Glory to God! I praise Him for saving me and sanctifying me and I desire your prayers that I shall receive the baptism with the Holy Ghost, and that I shall ever stay humble at the foot of the cross and do His blessed will.

I united with the Church of God here at Wimauma, Fla., Jan. 6, 1911, and through obedience to His blessed Word was baptized in water by our pastor, Brother Caruthers.

I am thankful for the Evangel. The good testimonies of the saints, a lot of whom I know, thrill my soul with joy as I read them.

Please pray for the church at Wimauma that each one may stay in the bounds of His precious Word and that God may use every one to His glory in the salvation of souls.

Yours, under the blood,
John L. Higgins.

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Report.

We are thankful to the dear Lord for His goodness to us.

On Feb. 3, 1918, the Church of God was set in order in the county court house by Brother J. B. Ellis. He held three services, 11:00 a. m., 2:30 p. m., 7:30 p. m., and gave good messages at each service. The Helicon band furnished the music. Eight members came into the church at the closing service.

We have secured a small room in which to hold our meetings. We expected Brother Gann, of Alabama City, to be with us on Feb. 17, but on account of sickness he failed to get here.

But we organized a Sunday school with nineteen in attendance. Hoping to have the pastor with us soon we are holding on to God for the work here.

We desire the prayers of all the saints for the work at Anniston. It means much to be fully yielded up to the Lord.

Your brother,
C. H. Hall.



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Tarpon Springs, Fla.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I praise God this evening for full and free salvation through the blood of Jesus. Bless His name! I praise Him for ever leading me into the way of holiness and for the Holy Ghost who so sweetly abides within at this present time.

The Lord heals my body when I get sick. I am so glad I ever learned that I could trust myself and my children in His hands. Glory to His precious name!

I am determined to follow on after Jesus. The way grows sweeter and brighter to me.

I want all who know the worth of prayer to pray for me that I shall stay humble and true till Jesus comes or calls for me.

Your sister in Christ,
Julia Brady.

Camp Jackson, S. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for salvation. It is such a wonderful thing to have the Holy Ghost and know that you are a child of God. Glory! I am happy in knowing that I am ready for Jesus' coming.

Nearly a year ago I was a lost sinner. I did not know what salvation was until my brother and J. F. Dover came to my community and held a meeting. Then I saw there was something in religion. I would not go to church with them but I would go around studying about my condition. One night I just said I would give up my life if I were just saved. I got down on my knees and confessed my sins and the Lord saved me, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. Praise His name! When they came in from meeting I had something to tell for I could keep the good news no longer. I have been living for the Lord ever since.

I want to be a soul winner for Jesus. I am telling the boys all I can about what joy there is in having the Holy Ghost abiding.

Letters from any of the saints

will certainly be appreciated. I received a letter from a sister which did me a lot of good.

Your brother in Christ,
Matthew Bain.

"ONE OF THEM"

L. HOWARD JULLERAT

He had recently moved to town and of course many were interested to know who he was and what he was. So he was questioned by many and here is the substance of different conversations briefly told:

"Good morning, sir; are you insured?" "Yes sir, an everlasting policy in the Great Eternal Life Co., and my family is also insured in the same." "What profession or trade do you follow?" "I'm a soldier of the cross now, but when the war is over I expect to be a king and priest." "Have you a bank account?" "Yes, in the bank of heaven my treasures are." "How about your clothes?" "Well, these look shabby, but I have the armour of God and the garment of salvation which, blind folks like you can't see." "I don't see any weapons." "Here they are—the sword of the Spirit and the shield of faith. My shoes are worn but I'm shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace."

"Well, you are peculiar." "Yes; God said we should be a peculiar people." "What do you eat?" "What is set before me and also the Bread of Life. And I drink the wine of the Kingdom; I also have a supply of the Oil." "You look so well; who is your physician?" "Jesus, the Great Physician." "Are there any more like you?" "Yes sir; all the Household of Faith; some are wandering here and many have gone home." "Who was your father any way?" "O you see I've been born twice (some folks are twice dead); God is now my Father and Jesus my Elder Brother." "Have you any property?" "Not much in this world, but I'm an heir to wealth untold—the meek shall inherit the earth." "What is your native home?" "I am a citizen of the New Jerusalem."

"Won't you come and join our church?" "No, thank you, I am in the Church of God and don't need human creeds nor any secret orders." "You don't ever go to theaters, shows, dances, etc., do you?" "No, I have joy unspeakable and full of glory and I have no desire for those things." "How do you get around from place to place?" "I ride when I can and walk when I have to, but I am expecting to have a white horse soon and ride in triumph with the King of kings." "You seem to sing a great deal; I suppose you love music." "Yes; I love spiritual songs and am getting tuned up

to sing the great song that the angels can't sing—the Redemption Song—and I trust I shall have a harp of gold the strings of which will never break."

"Well, sir, you seem like a crank to me." "Yes, we are called cranks and by God's help we are going to turn things until we turn the world upside down."

"I went to one of your meetings and it seemed like a show or a pack of foolishness." "Of course, we are made a spectacle unto the world and seem foolish to you because the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned." "That talking in tongues is a mystery to me; I don't see any use in it." "Go and see if your Bible doesn't say: He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the Spirit he speaketh mysteries."

"Say, aren't you joking about all this kind of talk?" "No sir, I am not; I used to, but saw in the Word to quit foolish talking and jesting, but to let our yea be yea and our nay, nay."

"Well, goodbye, I haven't time to talk with you any more; I see you are set in your ways." "Goodbye, my friend, I would love to tell you a great deal more about this salvation; its the greatest thing in the world."

Moral—Let people know what God has done for you; if some won't accept, go to some one else and after a while you will find some who are really hungry for God. We shall reap in due season if we faint not.

Millport, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I have just closed a meeting at the Knob. God poured out His Spirit upon the people. Twenty were saved, eleven were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Nine were added to the Church of God. Others are coming in later. Glory to God!

It was wonderful to stand and look on the saints, young and old, as the power of God came down upon them. They are as humble as little children.

We had Brother Tony Ford with us a few days during the meeting. The Word came with power.

We mean to begin a meeting at Millport tonight. We desire the prayers of the saints that God will bless the meeting.

Your brother in Christ,
A. Rich.

Gone to be With Jesus.

Our dear Brother J. S. Marcum, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., departed this life Dec. 24, 1917. He was the oldest member of the Church of God at Buhl, Ala. at

the time of his death he was about seventy-six years old. He only lived about twenty minutes after he was taken sick and went home to glory, shouting and talking in tongues. He died as he had lived, trusting in God. The remains were carried to Alberta cemetery to await the great resurrection. A wife, three sons and three daughters are waiting to meet him in the air when Jesus comes.

We have often visited Brother Marcum's home where we always had a hearty welcome and a great time of rejoicing. All of our ministers who have visited this home declare it to be one of the happiest homes in the world. All of the dear family have our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of sorrow.

His loving pastor,
Z. D. Simpson.

Report of The Work on The Knoxville District.

I am glad to report victory through the blood of Jesus. The Lord is blessing the work again, thank God, since the snow has melted away and He has sent the heat from the sun and driven the cold weather away so we can meet together again.

We are having good meetings in every church that I have been able to get to. Lenoir City was the first place I went to. The Lord blessed the saints wonderfully. The work seems to be in a prosperous condition. Brother L. O. Yates is pastor there; I believe he is the man for that place. God bless him! I had so many calls I could only stay with them one day and two nights.

I left Lenoir City for Lafollette where we had a good time in the Lord. I found a little band of only seven, but they were standing fast in the Lord. The church had never been set in order but they were very anxious to have it done. So I set the church in order with seven members. I preached on the church to them at the second service and seven more came in. I received a letter this morning from the pastor stating that seven more were ready to come into the church. Brother C. T. Morgan is pastor there. I believe he will push the work along. God bless him!

I am just from Solway. We had a good meeting there. I certainly met some good folks there. The church seems to be in good condition.

I want to say the Knoxville church is rising and shining. The Lord blesses us every time we come to service.

We expect, by the help of the Lord, to come to the front all over the district.

My next appointment will be Sevierville.

Satan has been working hard against us, but we are coming. Thank God, He is giving us victory. Glory!

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